

Dorgan Amendment No. 4122, to strike the provision allowing the Commission to certify a proprietary laboratory for third party testing.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 4098, to ban the importation of toys made by companies that have a persistent pattern of violating consumer product safety standards.

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Cardin Amendment No. 4103, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to develop training standards for product safety inspectors.

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DeMint Amendment No. 4124, to strike section 31, relating to garage door opener standards.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, March 7, 2008.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 6, 2008, and that Senate resume consideration of Vitter Amendment No. 4097 (listed above), with 15 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Pryor and Vitter, or their designees; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, with no amendments in order to the amendment prior to the vote.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Neil Suryakant Patel, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

James B. Cunningham, of New York, to be Ambassador to Israel.

Donald Gene Teitelbaum, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Nancy M. Zirkin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

J. Robinson West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

Kerry Kennedy, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009.

Stephen D. Krasner, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

Alexander Passantino, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Public Health Service.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—39) **Pages S1576, S1585–86**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1656.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Kevin M. Kolevar, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Dennis R. Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and James Slutz, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, all of the Department of Energy.

**APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Navy, after receiving testimony from Donald C. Winter, Secretary, Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations, both of the United States Navy, and General James T. Conway, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

**APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

**DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Air Force, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Secretary, and T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force, Department of Defense.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SERVICE-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health, the Army's Mental Health Advisory Team reports, and Department of Defense and service-wide improvements in mental health resources, including suicide prevention, for servicemembers and their families, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Vice Admiral Donald C. Arthur, USN (Ret.), and Shelley M. MacDermid, both Co-Chair, Task Force on Mental Health, Colonel Charles W. Hoge, USA, Director, Division of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Colonel Carl A. Castro, USA, Research Area Director, Military Operational Medicine Research Program, Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, USA, Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commanding General, United States Army Medical Command, Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., USN, Surgeon General of the United States Navy and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush, USAF, Surgeon General of the United States Air Force, and Colonel

Loree K. Sutton, USA, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, all of the Department of Defense.

**2009: BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2009 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

**ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION ON URANIUM**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the initial amendment between the United States and the Russian Federation on the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation, after receiving testimony from David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration; William H. Tobey, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Marvin Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.; John K. Welch, USEC Inc., Bethesda, Maryland; James P. Malone, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Warrenville, Illinois; Robert C. Ervin, Jr., United Steelworkers Local 550 (USW), West Paducah, Kentucky; and Reinhard Hinterreither, Louisiana Energy Services, Eunice, New Mexico.

**NATIONAL SECURITY THROUGH SMART POWER**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening national security, focusing on smart power from a military perspective, after receiving testimony from General Anthony C. Zinni, USMC (Ret.), former Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, and Admiral Leighton W. Smith, Jr., USN (Ret.), former Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, both of the Department of Defense.

**CENSUS IN PERIL**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2010 Decennial Census, focusing on automation and information technology in order to improve census

coverage, accuracy, and efficiency, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary, and Steve H. Murdock, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, both of the Department of Commerce; and Mathew J. Scire, Director, Strategic Issues, and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office.

#### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States Postal Service one year after reform, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; and Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission.

#### CLIMBING COSTS OF HEATING HOMES

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the rising costs of heating homes, focusing on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), after receiving testimony from Regina Surber, Tennessee Department of Human Services, Nashville; Meg Power, National Community Action Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Deborah A. Frank, Boston University School of Med-

icine, Boston, Massachusetts; and Robin Hussain, Hartford, Connecticut.

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), focusing on the FBI's current and future priorities, changes made to its mission, and challenges that are being addressed, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

#### ELDERLY HUNGER

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine elderly hunger in America, focusing on the steps needed to prevent this now and in the future, after receiving testimony from Edwin L. Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services; Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Marcus Lampros, Lampros Steel, Inc., Portland, Oregon; James P. Ziliak, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Lexington; and James Weill, Food Research and Action Center, and Bob Blancato, National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jan L. Jones, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 5531–5540; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 310; and H. Res. 1022–1023 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Moore (WI) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 4th:

**Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park Designation Act:** H.R. 4191, to redesignate Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park in the State of Ohio as “Wright Brothers-Dunbar Na-

tional Historic Park”, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 91.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To redesignate the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in the State of Ohio as the ‘Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park’, and for other purposes.”.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2007:** H.R. 1084, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, and the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to build operational readiness in civilian agencies;

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**Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008:** H. Con. Res. 278, amended, to support Taiwan's fourth